

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of the Claims**

1-174. (cancelled)

175. (new) A method of providing a plurality of participants with the ability to effect choices about the future care of said participants, said method comprising receiving via an interactive interface from an input user end-of-life information relevant to the future care of a participant should said participant prior to death become incapacitated;  
providing via said interface guidance information corresponding at least in part to said received information;  
enabling said input user via said interface to select choices regarding said care, said end-of-life information comprising said selected choices;  
storing in a computer-readable registry said end-of-life information in the form of an information set corresponding to said participant;  
upon receipt of a verified request from a user aware of the occurrence of said incapacitated state in said participant, producing an information product derivative of said information set comprising in an enforceable form said participant's desired response to said incapacitating condition; and  
communicating said information product to an output recipient.

176. (new) The method of claim 175, further comprising analyzing said end-of-life information to provide said input user analysis information selected from the group consisting of:

- a. a measurement of an outcome for at least one of said participant's choices regarding care;
- b. a prediction of an outcome for at least one of said participant's choices regarding care;
- c. a comparison of alternative choices regarding said participant's care; and
- d. interaction of drugs identified by participant in said end-of-life information.

177. (new) The method of claim 175, wherein said providing step further comprises providing an input form to said user for subsequent submission.

178. (new) The system of claim 177 wherein said input form is selected from the group consisting of an executable document and an election form.

179. (new) The method of claim 175, wherein said end-of-life information is selected from the group consisting of:

- a. an authorization to rely on a copy of an original document;
- b. an authorization to rely on a summary of an original document;
- c. a designation of at least one medication;

- d. a designation of at least one allergy;
- e. a designation of at least one health condition;
- f. a designation of at least one person to be contacted in case of emergency;
- g. a designation of at least one physician;
- h. emergency health information;
- i. an end-of-life choice;
- j. an advance directive;
- k. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order;
- l. a document signed by a physician concerning medical care associated with an end-of-life condition;
- m. an authorization to donate an organ;
- n. output recipient information;
- o. enforcement information;
- p. medical information; and
- q. a portion of an item selected from the group a through p, above.

180. (new) The system of claim 179 wherein, when said end-of-life information is an end-of-life choice, said end-of-life choice is a choice selected from the group consisting of:

- a. a palliative care choice;
- b. a comfort care choice;
- c. a residence choice;
- d. a religious choice; and

- e. a spiritual choice.

181. (new) The system of claim 179 wherein, when said end-of-life information is an advance directive, said advance directive is an advance directive selected from the group consisting of:

- a. a living will;
- b. a medical power of attorney;
- c. a selection of an end-of-life condition response;
- d. a selection of medical treatment; and
- e. a refusal of medical treatment.

182. (new) The method of claim 175, wherein said guidance information comprises:  
a designation of at least one end-of-life condition; and  
a designation of at least one end-of-life condition response, wherein said input user can  
choose at least one of said at least one end-of-life response for response to at least  
one of said at least one end-of-life condition.

183. (new) The method of claim 175, wherein said information product is selected  
from the group consisting of:

- a. an authorization to rely on a copy of an original document;
- b. an authorization to rely on a summary of an original document;
- c. a designation of at least one medication;
- d. a designation of at least one allergy;

- e. a designation of at least one health condition;
- f. a designation of at least one person to be contacted in case of emergency.
- g. a designation of at least one physician;
- h. emergency health information;
- i. an end-of-life choice;
- j. an advance directive;
- k. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order;
- l. a document signed by a physician concerning medical care associated with an end-of-life condition;
- m. an authorization to donate an organ;
- n. output recipient information;
- o. enforcement information;
- p. medical information;
- q. a summary of an information product selected from the group consisting of a through p, above;
- r. a copy of an information product selected from the group consisting of a through q, above; and
- s. a report concerning said end-of-life information.

184. (new) The method of claim 175, wherein said information set comprises said end-of-life information stored in a standardized form.

185. (new) The method of claim 184, wherein producing step comprises translating

said information set into an information product in a language other than that native to said input user.

186. (new) The method of claim 184, wherein producing step comprises producing an information product legally enforceable in a jurisdiction other than that in which said participant resides.

187. (new) A system for providing a plurality of participants with the ability to effect choices about the future care of said participants, said system comprising

a first two-way communications interface for receiving end-of-life information relevant

to the future care of a participant should said participant prior to death become incapacitated, providing guidance information responsive at least in part to said received information, and enabling said input user via said interface to select choices regarding said care, said end-of-life information comprising said selected choices;

memory equipment for storing said end-of-life information in the form of an information set corresponding to said participant;

a second two-way communications interface for receiving a request from a user aware of the occurrence of said incapacitated state in said participant; and

data processing equipment for producing an information product derivative of said information set comprising in an enforceable form said participant's desired response to said incapacitating condition and providing said information product to said second interface for communication of said information product to said

user.

188. (new) The system of claim 187, wherein said first two-way communications interface comprises a device selected from the group consisting of:

- a. a stationary telephone;
- b. a portable telephone;
- c. a cellular telephone;
- d. a mobile telephone;
- e. the Internet;
- f. a personal computer;
- g. a facsimile machine;
- h. a smart card;
- i. a personal data assistant
- j. a handheld computer;
- k. a computer-to-computer link;
- l. a modem;
- m. a wireless transceiver; and
- n. voicemail.

189. (new) The system of claim 187, wherein said second two-way communications interface comprises a device selected from the group consisting of:

- a. a stationary telephone;
- b. a portable telephone;

- c. a cellular telephone;
- d. a mobile telephone;
- e. the Internet;
- f. a personal computer;
- g. a facsimile machine;
- h. a smart card;
- i. a personal data assistant
- j. a handheld computer;
- k. a computer-to-computer link;
- l. a modem;
- m. a wireless transceiver; and
- n. voicemail.

190. (new) The system of claim 187, wherein said end-of-life information is selected from the group consisting of:

- a. an authorization to rely on a copy of an original document;
- b. an authorization to rely on a summary of an original document;
- c. a designation of at least one medication;
- d. a designation of at least one allergy;
- e. a designation of at least one health condition;
- f. a designation of at least one person to be contacted in case of emergency;
- g. a designation of at least one physician;
- h. emergency health information;



- i. an end-of-life choice;
- j. an advance directive;
- k. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order;
- l. a document signed by a physician concerning medical care associated with an end-of-life condition;
- m. an authorization to donate an organ;
- n. output recipient information;
- o. enforcement information;
- p. medical information; and
- q. a portion of an item selected from the group a through p, above.

191. (new) The system of claim 190 wherein, when said end-of-life information is an end-of-life choice, said end-of-life choice is a choice selected from the group consisting of:

- a. a palliative care choice;
- b. a comfort care choice;
- c. a residence choice;
- d. a religious choice; and
- e. a spiritual choice.

192. (new) The system of claim 191 wherein, when said end-of-life information is an advance directive, said advance directive is an advance directive selected from the group consisting of:

- a. a living will;
- b. a medical power of attorney;
- c. a selection of an end-of-life condition response;
- d. a selection of medical treatment; and
- e. a refusal of medical treatment.

193. (new) The system of claim 187, wherein said guidance information comprises:

a designation of at least one end-of-life condition; and

a designation of at least one end-of-life condition response, wherein said input user can choose at least one of said at least one end-of-life response for response to at least one of said at least one end-of-life condition.

194. (new) The system of claim 187, wherein said information product is selected from the group consisting of:

- a. an authorization to rely on a copy of an original document;
- b. an authorization to rely on a summary of an original document;
- c. a designation of at least one medication;
- d. a designation of at least one allergy;
- e. a designation of at least one health condition;
- f. a designation of at least one person to be contacted in case of emergency.
- g. a designation of at least one physician;
- h. emergency health information;
- i. an end-of-life choice;

- j. an advance directive;
- k. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order;
- l. a document signed by a physician concerning medical care associated with an end-of-life condition;
- m. an authorization to donate an organ;
- n. output recipient information;
- o. enforcement information;
- p. medical information;
- q. a summary of an information product selected from the group consisting of a through p, above;
- r. a copy of an information product selected from the group consisting of a through q, above; and
- s. a report concerning said end-of-life information.

195. (new) The system of claim 187, wherein said information set comprises said end-of-life information stored in a standardized form.

196. (new) The system of claim 195, wherein producing step comprises translating said information set into an information product in a language other than that native to said input user.

197. (new) The system of claim 195, wherein producing step comprises producing an information product legally enforceable in a jurisdiction other than that in which said

participant resides.